

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: OVIP (PATRICK J. HILLERY), EI  
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE VISIT TO U.S. BY IRELAND'S PRESIDENT PATRICK  
HILLERY

1. IN THE AUTUMN OF 1977 A LARGE COLLECTION OF IRISH NATIONAL ART TREASURES AND ARTIFACTS IS GOING ON EXHIBITION TO MUSEUMS IN FIVE CITIES IN THE UNITED STATES. THE IRISH ORGANIZERS, PRINCIPALLY TRINITY COLLEGE DUBLIN AND THE ROYAL ACADEMY OF ART, ARE ANXIOUS THAT THE TOUR WILL BE A HIGH-TONED PRESENTATION OF IRISH TREASURES THAT WILL HELP PUT A "NEW FACE" ON IRELAND'S IMAGE IN THE UNITED STATES. THE ORGANIZERS WILL ATTEMPT TO ARRANGE FOR AN IMPORTANT AND RESPECTED IRISH MAN OR WOMAN TO OPEN THE EXHIBITION IN EACH OF THE FIVE U.S. CITIES. AN ACQUAINTANCE OF THE EMBASSY CONNECTED WITH TRINITY COLLEGE HAS TOLD US INFORMALLY THAT THEY HAVE APPROACHED PRESIDENT HILLERY TO CONDUCT THE OFFICIAL OPENING IN NEW YORK AT THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART ON OCTOBER 12. HILLERY REPORTEDLY EXPRESSED INTEREST.

2. THE ABOVE IS FYI ONLY. AT THIS EARLY STAGE THE APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNMENT OF IRELAND FOR HILLERY TO MAKE THE TRIP APPARENTLY HAS NOT BEEN SOUGHT. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT OUR SOURCE IS A PRIVATE  
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CITIZEN -- WE HAVE HEARD NOTHING OF THIS FROM THE GOI. THE DEPARTMENT MAY WELL HEAR MORE OF THIS PROJECT FROM THE IRISH EMBASSY LATER IN THE SUMMER.  
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